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Mayor



THOMAS J. STOSUR
Director

August 12, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The City of Baltimore Department of Planning is pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Baltimore's TIGER II grant application for the Westport Waterfront Transit-Oriented Development (Westport Waterfront TOD). The Westport Waterfront TOD will provide multi-modal transportation infrastructure, including light rail, highway, pedestrian, bike and road, to support the development of 13,000 new jobs and 2,000 housing units and the rehabilitation of a 50-acre brownfield.

The \$1.2 billion Westport Waterfront TOD supports all aspects of the Baltimore City Comprehensive Plan, the Middle Branch Master Plan and the City's Sustainability Plan. It creates a once in a generation opportunity to capitalize on existing transportation and environmental assets to create transit-oriented development that accommodates defense-related growth in a smart-growth location and directly impacts an Economically Distressed Area (EDA) by linking disadvantaged residents to meaningful employment.

The Westport Waterfront TOD meets the City's goals for a more livable, equitable and sustainable future embodying the spirit of the USDOT, EPA and HUD Sustainable Communities initiative.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Thomas Stosur, Director

cc: Mr. Jamie Kendrick, Deputy Director, Baltimore DOT